

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled the non-elected claims 4-5 and 17-24 and has amended the claims that were objected to to remove that rejection.

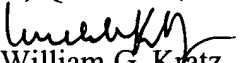
As the claims were not rejected on the basis of prior art, and the claims clarified herein, it is believed that Claims 1-3 and 6-16 are patentable and early action towards allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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